Jewish Life Grant Cycle One

Background

Rose Community Foundation's Jewish Life program area seeks to support organizations and programs that are reflective of Greater Denver's Jewish communities and offer meaningful and relevant opportunities to engage in Jewish life, while welcoming diverse individuals, families and practices. For more on this commitment and the Foundation's vision, please visit our website.

Priority funding areas

Organizations funded under this opportunity should reflect at least one of the following priorities:

- Efforts to increase the organizational strength and capacity of a Jewish organization working in support of the seven-county Denver metro area Jewish community.
- Program or project that is reflective of diverse Jewish communities and offers meaningful and relevant opportunities to engage in Jewish life.
- Jewish initiatives seeking to advance social justice by engaging Jewish people and using Jewish values and traditions to respond to one or more key social and economic issues of our time.

Desired outcomes and evaluation

By making grants within the priorities stated above, the Foundation seeks to help Greater Denver's Jewish organizations advance the following seven outcomes:

- **Organizational Sustainability:** Metro Denver/Boulder Jewish communal organizations are strong, safe, and sustainable.
- **Diversity:** Metro Denver/Boulder Jewish organizations reach and serve Jewish audiences that represent the full spectrum of Jewish life, including demographic, geographic, and denominational diversity.
- **Inclusion:** Metro Denver/Boulder Jewish individuals and families of all stripes feel welcomed and included in Jewish programs and organizations.
- **Communal Connections:** Jewish individuals and families feel a strong sense of connection to one or more parts of the Metro Denver/Boulder Jewish community.
- **Engagement:** Metro Denver/Boulder Jewish individuals and families repeatedly participate in Jewish engagement opportunities that are meaningful and relevant to them.
- **Social & Economic Justice:** Metro Denver/Boulder Jewish individuals and families participate in activities that address social and economic justice as an expression of their Jewish identity.
- **Basic Needs:** Basic needs of all Metro Denver/Boulder Jewish individuals and families are being met.

To better understand the needs and opportunities of Greater Denver's Jewish communities and how the Foundation can best support Jewish-serving organizations in meeting these, the Foundation has committed to monitoring community progress toward these outcomes.

Reporting requirements for grants made through this funding opportunity will include reporting on indicators relevant to these outcome statements. Information about expectations and support from the Foundation for this data collection and reporting will be shared with grant recipients when funding decisions are made.

Eligible applicants

Jewish organizations operating in the seven-county Greater Denver region. Applicants must be a nonprofit organization, school, or other tax-exempt organization in the seven-county Greater Denver region: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson counties. Unincorporated organizations, groups and initiatives may apply but must have a tax-exempt fiscal sponsor.

Funds available and grant period

Rose Community Foundation anticipates making individual, one-time, grant awards based on alignment with the stated funding priorities and availability of funds. We expect this grant opportunity to be highly competitive, and it is possible that not all applicants will be awarded funding and/or that awards may not be for the requested amount.

Grants may be structured as programmatic or general operating support. **Funds cannot be used for endowments, cash reserves, debt repayment, lobbying, or pass-through grants.** Grants will be for a period of 12 months, and organizations are eligible to be awarded funds only once in a 12-month period. In limited instances, multi-year grants may be awarded based on staff, committee and board discretion. Priority will be given to organizations that have demonstrated community need and interest in a proposed project, and where multi-year support would help to advance or achieve outcomes which may otherwise not be possible. First-time grantees are unlikely to receive multi-year grants. Grant requests should generally not exceed 15% of the current year's operating budget.

If you have never received a grant from Rose Community Foundation before, if you have a currently open grant from Rose Community Foundation, or to confirm eligibility, please contact Grants Associate Chen-Pin Hu chu@rcfdenver.org. If you wish to discuss your potential proposal, please contact Jewish Life Community Impact Officer Vanessa Bernier at vbernier@rcfdenver.org.

For questions about this opportunity

If you have questions about this funding opportunity, contact Vanessa Bernier, Jewish Life Community Impact Officer, at vbernier@rcfdenver.org or 303.398.7438. If you have questions about the online grants portal or application, contact Chen-Pin Hu, Grants Associate, at chu@rcfdenver.org or 303.398.7413.

How to apply

Applications are to be submitted through the online grants portal at rcfdenver.org/grantsapply no later than Monday, April 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. MDT. Since Rose Community Foundation staff anticipate a large volume of applications, email communication is preferred.

About Rose Community Foundation

In addition to grantmaking, Rose Community Foundation utilizes advocacy and philanthropic services to advance thriving Greater Denver communities. Our staff works closely with individual and family donors to define and achieve their philanthropic goals and support the causes they care about most. Our philanthropic services team also brings together diverse groups of teens, young adults and women from across the Greater Denver community for collaborative giving circles. The Foundation also supports 85 nonprofit organizations in establishing and growing endowed and designated funds to sustain their vital work into the future. Through the Nonprofit Endowment Cohort, we offer incentive grants and coaching on all aspects of an endowment campaign. Contact us to learn more about how we support nonprofits beyond programmatic grantmaking.

Application Questions

The following questions are provided here for reference only. Please submit your responses via the [online grants portal](#).

Organization Information

- **Executive Director/President/CEO's Name, Pronouns, and Title**
- **Authorized Contract Signer's Name, Pronouns, Title and Email Address**
- **Type of Organization**. Indicate the organization type for the legal entity submitting this application *(501(c)(3) – not fiscally sponsored; 501(c)(4); Government Entity; For Profit; Fiscally Sponsored Organization; Other)*
- **Mission Statement.**
- **Fiscal Sponsor Contact Information (if applicable).** Provide the organization name and full contact information (name, pronouns, title, email address, phone number, and mailing address) for your point of contact with the fiscal sponsor for this project.

Grant Request Information

- **Funding Priority Alignment.** Which of the following priorities is most aligned with this grant request?
    - Increasing the organizational strength and capacity of a Jewish organization working in support of the seven-county Denver metro area Jewish community.
    - Supporting a program or project that is reflective of diverse Jewish communities and offers meaningful and relevant opportunities to engage in Jewish life.
    - Supporting a specifically Jewish effort seeking to advance social justice by engaging Jewish people and using Jewish values and traditions to respond to one or more key social and economic issues of our time.
- **Type of Request** (General operating support; Program support)
- **Short Description.** Provide a concise description of this grant request's specific charitable purpose.
- **Total Amount Requested**
- **Current Fiscal Year Operating Budget**
- **Additional Financial Information** *(if applicable).* If a narrative explanation of the financial statements or budget is helpful, let us know here. This may be an opportunity to describe your organization's financial model including how the organization is supported, typical sources of income and the percentages of revenue from each type of source. This is also the space to provide comments explaining any major changes or unusual occurrences in your budget(s).
- **Core Counties.** What are the three core counties (within the seven-county Greater Denver area) in which you do most of the work related to this request (i.e., majority of people served live within these three counties)? If you only work in one or two counties, please select the one or two counties in which you do your work.
- **Total Number of People Served.** Estimate the unique number of people directly served through this grant request.
- **Evaluation.** Describe the evaluation efforts your organization engages in to understand its progress toward its goals. If you do not currently have an evaluation plan in place, please indicate that here.
- **Other Funding Sources.** List any other funding sources, including any pending applications, related to this request and include the status and amounts for each.

Information Sharing

One of our goals as a community foundation is to find alignment between donors' interests and the important work happening in our communities. In the event Rose Community Foundation donor-advised fundholders are interested in funding organizations or projects in the space in which you are working, may we share with them

the programmatic information you provide on this application? Your application may be shared in part or in whole. Your answer will not influence the funding decision for this request.

Nondiscrimination Policy

Rose Community Foundation will only fund organizations that do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, language, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, height, weight, intellectual or physical ability, veteran status, military obligations, socioeconomic status, marital status, genetic information, political views, or belief systems.

Please upload a copy of your board-approved nondiscrimination policy. If your organization's nondiscrimination policy is not board-approved or your organization does not have a nondiscrimination policy, please upload a document with an explanation. An uploaded document is required to submit this application.

General Operating Support Requests Only

- **Grant Impact.** Outline the ways in which this grant will support your organization, the people and communities served.

Program or Project Support Requests Only

- **Project Purpose.** State the opportunity or problem your organization is addressing within the scope of this grant request.
- **Implementation Timeline.** Outline the implementation timeline for this work if awarded these grant funds. Be sure to include the key activities you will undertake, as well as any significant benchmarks or milestones.
- **Opportunities & Outcomes.** Describe what success might look like in the longer term, i.e., beyond the grant period.
- **Project/Program Type.** Is the project or program to be supported through this request a new idea being piloted for your organization; an existing project or program that is being sustained; or an existing project or program that is being scaled or expanded?
- **Program Budget.** Upload the program budget, including revenue and expenses, associated with this request.

Additional Financial Information *(requests for $100,000 or more only)*

- **Audited Financials.** If audited financials are unavailable, please include your organization's most recent fiscal year-end financial statements.